

Highland Community Schools
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2023
5:00 p.m. – High School Board Room

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Nate Robinson.

Roll call was taken with Dan Ruth, Rachel Longbine, Josh Thomann, Melissa Murphy, Monica Jepson and Nate Robinson present. Mike Golden was absent. Also in attendance were Ken Crawford, Superintendent, Sue Rich, Board Secretary, Angela Hazelett, Secondary Principal, Jane O’Leary, Elementary Principal and Dean of Students, Bill Zywiec.

Longbine made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 6-0

Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes: Approval of the August 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Financial Reports: Approval of the August financial reports.

Payment of Bills: Approval of the following September bills.

General Fund - \$66,463.75

Prepaid General Fund - \$3,282.68

Schoolhouse Fund - \$209,863.50

Prepaid Schoolhouse - \$7,736.70

Activity Fund - \$10,904.30

Prepaid Activity Fund - \$6,628.50

Lunch Fund - \$14,130.73

Insurance Fund - \$1,115.00

Fundraisers: National Honor Society - Painting of “H” on driveways

Highland Shooting Sports - Clothing & Apparel Fundraiser

Ruth made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Seconded by Longbine.

Motion carried 6-0

Receive Visitors:

Kevin and Maria Meller spoke about the youth basketball program and the basketball camp they conducted in August. The money raised from the camp was used to purchase new middle school basketball uniforms and basketball equipment for the elementary school.

Student council members Kylie Allen, Gwen Piette and Ady Gerot gave a report on some of the activities they will be doing for homecoming. This year instead of Huskie Olympics there will be different activities each day including table surfing, scavenger hunt, boys volleyball and girls powder puff. Class color wars in the hallway instead of floats will be done this year. There will be food trucks for boom night and a dance on Friday night after the game with pizza donated by Four Corners. The student council is also selling rose corsages for homecoming.

Andrew McDonald spoke about the upcoming music trip to Nashville and Memphis from April 1-5, 2024. He talked about some of the sightseeing activities as well as the music features for the trip and what the cost would be to attend.

Longbine made a motion to approve the music trip to Nashville and Memphis in April of 2024. Seconded by Murphy.

Motion carried 6-0

Mr Crawford gave a report on the fall sports numbers. Most of them remained steady but cross country and JH volleyball were both up from last year.

Mr Crawford went over the below board policies and discussed these annual policies.

501.5 - Attendance Center Assignment
606.1 - Class Size - Class Grouping
606.6 - Insufficient Classroom Space
607.2 - Student Health Services

Mr Crawford went over the Grant Wood Board of Directors candidacy submission to let everyone know that District 6 has an open board position that is up for election.

Mr Crawford discussed the Health Office Handbook which is part of policy 607.2. Ruth made a motion to approve the Health Office Handbook. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 6-0

Longbine made a motion to approve the reconsideration committee. Seconded by Thomann.

Motion carried 6-0

Longbine made a motion to approve the WCRF Grant Resolution for Highland Elementary Gym Bleachers in the amount of \$69,377. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 6-0

Mr Crawford went over changes on board policies 203 - Board of Directors' Conflict of Interest, 204 - Code of Ethics, 205 - Board Member Liability, 206.01 - President, 206.02 - Vice-President, 206.03 - Secretary-Treasurer, 207 - Board of Directors' Legal Counsel, 208 - Ad Hoc Committees, 208.1E1 - Ad Hoc Committees Exhibit, 206.4 - Individual Board Members (Rescind). These policies will be brought back to the next meeting for the second reading.

Ruth made a motion to approve the following resignations, appointments and modifications. Seconded by Murphy.

Motion carried 5-1
Longbine opposed

Resignations:

Seth Milledge - Head Baseball Coach

Appointments:

Mike Roder - Industrial Tech Teacher - \$35,000

Modifications:

Denise Roth - MA+8 (15)* to MA+24 (15)*

Cam Larson - BA (2) to BA+8 (2)

Coaching Contracts:

Sonya Stanerson- High Track-7%

Angela Alberts -Jr High Track-9%

Angela Strobel-Head Girls Track-16%

Carrie Wieland-Head Softball-14%

Clint Jones-Jr High Baseball-9%

Mike Eden-Jr High Baseball-7%

Sam Cox-Assistant Softball-12%

Out-of-District

Coaching Contracts:

Clint Colbert-Assistant Baseball-10%

Dylan Stewart - Head Soccer - 10%

Kelsey Hora-Jr High Softball-7%

Abbie Miller-Jr High Softball-7%

Travis Riggan-Head Golf -10%

Board of Directors:

Dan Ruth stated the Facilities Advisory Committee meeting had a good turnout and was very informative. This is an exciting time and let's keep up the positive momentum.

Monica Jepson had some early graduation questions.

Angela Hazelett:

It has been a good start to the school year. The staff did an assembly on dress code violations and it went over well with the students. The senior lounge has been going very well with students using it appropriately. The state patrol will be here on Wednesday during professional development going over ALERRT and CRASE. There will be a college and career fair on October 5th.

Jane O'Leary:

It has been a good start to the school year. We are using a new format for our newsletter and it is going well. The students are getting excited for School of Wild this week. Highland Elementary ESO purchased some furniture for the library.

Sue Rich, Board Secretary:

The school auditor Kay Chapman was here on 9/7 and the audit went well. The Certified Annual Report, Special Education Supplement and Transportation report will all be finalized by September 15th. A full report of these will be given at the October meeting.

Ken Crawford, Superintendent:

The Facilities Advisory Committee meeting went well and the next meeting will be 9/27 at 6:00 pm. This will be over finances. The next bond issue will most likely go to the voters in November of 2024 as we will have the current bond paid off by then. Board election papers need to be turned in by 5:00 pm on 9/21. The board should plan to have a float in the homecoming parade.

A work session will be held if needed on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the high school board room.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school board room.

Longbine made a motion to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. Seconded by Jepson.

Motion carried 6-0

Reports and documents and the full text of motions, resolutions, or policies considered by the Board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's office, 648-3822, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT, NATE ROBINSON

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